

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? _____

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☐ Project Purpose and Need
- ☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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Our recommendation would be to build ~~on~~ the transmission lines along existing interstate highways where easements are obtained. Additional agricultural land purchased would be minimal.

Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture

☐ Residential

☐ Conservation Easement

☐ Commercial

☐ Industrial

☒ Other: Milking Herd

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

We own and operate a 400 cow milking herd and are concerned with the closeness in proximity of a proposed transmission line. Our concern is the energy field surrounding the lines and health affects. ~~Milk~~ Production of milk loss to our herd from cattle ~~off~~ being in close proximity to the energy field.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

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Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

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Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.